

# KINGDOM

## **“King Solomon Asks for Wisdom”**

Series Objective:

Students will learn:

- How David became King of Israel and Jerusalem became the capitol.
- How David showed favor to Jonathan’s descendants.
- That King Solomon asked for wisdom.
- The story of Job

Series Theme Verse: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” – Proverbs 3:5-6

Lesson Objective: For students to understand that God wants us to speak with God and God wants to give us what we need.

Lesson Passage: 2 Chronicles 1:1, 7-13

Materials Needed: Bibles, cards with animals or objects on them, tape, butcher paper or white board, marker, Series Theme Verse on notecards

Lesson Plan:

Talking Points: 2 Chronicles 1:1

- Who is the king of Israel as our story begins today? (Solomon)
- Who is Solomon? (Son of King David)
- Why do you think Solomon is now king of Israel? (King David ruled for 40 years and has now passed away, his son is now the king)
- Was Solomon a powerful king? (Yes, because God was with him)

Talking Points: 2 Chronicles 1:7-13

- Who came to speak to Solomon? (God)
- What did God say to Solomon? (Ask for whatever you want me to give you)
- If God told you to ask God for anything, what would you ask for? (Various answers are possible)
- Before Solomon asked God for what he wanted, what did Solomon do? (Outlined his reason for asking for what he was asking for...Solomon glorified God for God’s kindness and making Solomon king over all the people after his father’s death)
- What did Solomon ask for? (Wisdom to rule and govern the people of God)

- How did God respond to Solomon’s request? (He agreed to give Solomon wisdom and knowledge to rule)
- Why did God agree to give wisdom to Solomon? (Because wisdom to rule was Solomon’s heart’s desire, and Solomon did not ask for a selfish thing like wealth or power, but for something to help him be more like God as a king)
- Did God agree to give Solomon anything else? (Yes, God said God would give Solomon great wealth and power like no king before)
- Why would God do this? (Because Solomon was not greedy when asking for wisdom from God, Solomon only asked for what was needed to be like God)
- Having left the place of worship, where did Solomon go? (To Jerusalem to rule Israel)

#### The Story Retold:

- Option 1: What am I?
  - Have different items (Giraffe, elephant, refrigerator, etc.) on postcards and tape one to each student’s back (depending on the age, you might limit the cards to a specific category like animals or things in a house).
  - Have the students ask other students “Yes/No Questions” and try to figure out what they are according to their cards.
  - Use the game to reinforce that Solomon **asked** God for wisdom and when we talk to God, we should ask God for the things we need, the things that help us grow as people of God.
- Option 2: Fill in the Blanks
  - On a white board or butcher paper, make a large Wheel of Fortune style puzzle ( \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ )
  - Let students guess letters to fill in the puzzle. You can divide into teams and have teams guess in a rotation.
  - The first team to guess the puzzle wins.
  - The answer to the puzzle is “Solomon asked for wisdom” which will help you reinforce that we should be like Solomon and not ask for selfish things when we talk with God, but ask for things that help us be more like God.

#### The Story and Me:

- Have the Series theme verse written by words on notecards.
- Give students the notecards and have them put the verse together using the cards.
- Explain to students that God wants us to trust in God, just like Solomon did. Solomon could have asked for money, but he asked for wisdom because he trusted God to provide.
- Have the students say the verse several times, helping them learn the verse.